

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An imaging unit mounted on a compact portable terminal equipment, the imaging unit comprising:

a flexible printed circuit board having two sides and an opening portion at a predetermined position;

an imaging element which is connected, by flip-chip mounting, to one surface side of said circuit board so as to cover at least part of the opening portion and expose an imaging area;

a reinforcing member which is made of a glass or ceramic material having a linear expansion coefficient of 1×10^{-5} (cm/cm/°C) or less and is attached to the other surface side of said circuit board to reinforce said circuit board; and

an optical member which is provided to guide object light from a surface on the reinforcing member side to the imaging area of said imaging element through the opening portion.

2-6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The imaging unit according to claim 1, wherein [[when]] said reinforcing member is ~~to be~~ attached to said flexible printed circuit board [[,]] by using a thermosetting adhesive ~~is used~~.

8. (Previously Presented) The imaging unit according to claim 1, wherein said flexible printed circuit board includes no adhesive layer between a base matrix and a copper layer.

9. (Currently Amended) An imaging unit mounted on a compact portable terminal equipment, the imaging unit comprising:

a flexible printed circuit board having two sides and an opening portion at a predetermined position;

an imaging element which is connected, by flip-chip mounting, to one surface side of said circuit board so as to cover at least part of the opening portion and expose an imaging area;

a reinforcing member which is made of a glass or ceramic material having a linear expansion coefficient of 1×10^{-5} (cm/cm/°C) or less and is attached to the other surface side of said circuit board to reinforce said circuit board; and

an optical member which is provided to guide object light from a surface on the reinforcing member side to the imaging area of said imaging element through the opening portion;

wherein notched portions are formed in the opening portion of said flexible printed circuit board.

10. (Previously Presented) A portable terminal equipment comprising an imaging unit defined in claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) The imaging unit according to claim 9, wherein when said reinforcing member is ~~to be~~ attached to said flexible printed circuit board ~~[[,]]~~ by using a thermosetting adhesive ~~is used~~.

12. (Previously Presented) The imaging unit according to claim 9, wherein said flexible printed circuit board includes no adhesive layer between a base matrix and a copper layer.

13. (Previously Presented) A portable terminal equipment comprising an imaging unit defined in claim 9.